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Critical Updates

Mi Via and Supports Waiver Participant-Directed

Notice: New Mexico (NM) Minimum Wage Increase

Minimum wage is the lowest hourly payrate that businesses can legally pay their employees. Minimum wages are set at the Federal, State and in some cases, by county level.

Effective January 1, 2022, New Mexico's state minimum wage will increase to \$11.50 per hour. This is the statewide minimum wage, but there may be a higher wage requirement in your area. Please work with your Support Broker/Consultant/CSC to update employee agreements as needed. Please have budgets and employee agreements submitted to reflect the minimum wage increase as soon as possible.

Please see link for more information about minimum wage in your area:

<https://www.dws.state.nm.us/Minimum-Wage-Information>

Developmental Disabilities and Supports Waiver Agency Based

Agency Based Billing

In December, 2020, the New Mexico Human Services Department (HSD) notified Agency providers that AuthentiCare had been selected as the State's Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) vendor. Since that time, work has been ongoing to fully implement the EVV project. Phase 2 of implementation is currently in process. When the EVV project is fully implemented in May, 2022, all providers must use the AuthentiCare system to report EVV services and submit claims for payment.

With the EVV implementation, New Mexico Medicaid fee-for-service (FFS) EVV claims will be submitted and billed through AuthentiCare. All services will be confirmed by the caregiver in the AuthentiCare portal. The claims will then be submitted through the AuthentiCare system for payment. Post EVV implementation, claims for the services listed below that are submitted through the Medicaid portal or Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) will automatically deny.

To ensure prompt payment, Agency providers or an agency's billing agent must ensure that caregivers have entered EVV mandated services in the AuthentiCare system. Services may be entered by using either the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) or AuthentiCare 2.0 mobile application.



Name	Description	Procedure Code/Modifier(s)
Supports Waiver Respite	Supports Waiver Respite	T1005
Supports Waiver Personal Care	Supports Waiver Personal Care	99509
DDW CIHS-IND	DD Waiver Customized In Home Supports - Independent Living	S5125/HB/UA
DDW CIHS-F N	DD Waiver Customized In Home Supports -Family Natural Supports	S5125/HB
DDW Respite-GP	DD Waiver Respite - Group	T1005/HB/HQ
DD Waiver Respite	DDW Respite	T1005/HB

A detailed training manual outlining steps for FFS EVV Claim Submission and Provider Payment is in development and will be shared soon.